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Army position in DASA (I&H) Memorandum

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- "The product of this effort should be an effective DD Form 1391 for programming, budgeting, designing, and constructing a quality, cost effective, facility for the Army.

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There are Two possible outcomes to a planning charrette:

1. A quality DD 1391 when the using unit and the garrison staff are in agreement (corporate buy-in) regarding:
   - The scope of the project based on accurate data.
   - Use of a standard design as modified by the site.
   - A build able site.
   - Essential supporting issues such as sustainable design and AT/FP.
   - OMA tails.

   Project meets the Army's needs, built on time, within cost.

2. An incomplete 1391 when:
   - A build able site has not been agreed to.
   - Lack of corporate buy-in regarding scope and standard design.
   - Issue need resolution.

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"……constructing a quality, cost effective, facility for the Army". (*DASA Memo*)

- The COE must recognize "the Army" as the ultimate customer in the planning charrette process. Not any single installation.

- Planning charrette teams must be guided by standard design criteria created by centers of expertise and standardization (as approved by the Army). There is an ongoing effort to improve standardization of design criteria.

- Planning charrette teams must force the installation to identify and resolve issues regarding force protection, sustainment, information systems, economic analysis and environmental/safety issues.

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Garrison Commanders are in a tough position, they need the help of a focused, strong planning charrette team.

- Don’t Kick the Can Down the Road on important issues.
  - Recognize show stoppers and report them as such.
  - If the installation doesn’t own land, that’s a show stopper.
  - Wetlands issues, environmental issues, range safety and UXO issues, etc.
  - Unsupportable scope.
  - New and Existing Footprint determination.

- The charrette team might please the Garrison Commander by telling him what he wants to hear, but ultimately the Army will pay the price with a poorly developed project.

Questions

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